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**WORLD
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2005

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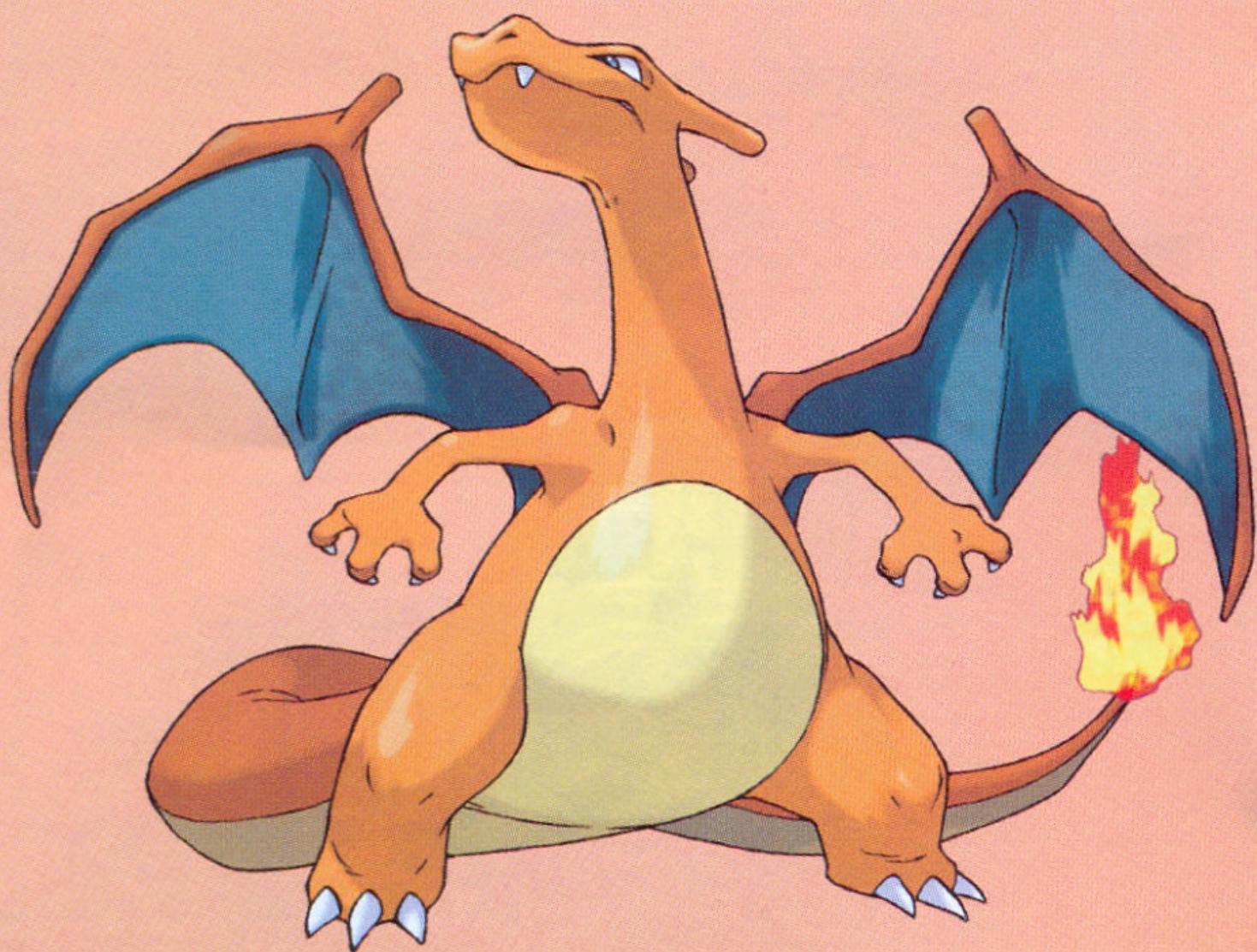




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the 2006 World Championships!

THE WORLD CAME TO WORLDS

Japan. Mexico. Belgium. Norway. Germany. Israel. The United States. And the list goes on and on.

Players came from all over—from 28 countries, in all—to battle for the coveted title of 2005 **Pokémon** TCG World Champion in San Diego, California, U.S.A. Hundreds of players competed, some of them lucky and skilled enough to make it into the Main Event by doing well in the Last Chance Qualifier the night before. And by the end of day two, after eight rounds of play, a field of more than 400 had been trimmed down to 32 players in each of three age groups.

The 32 quickly became 16, then 8, and ultimately turned into the top 4 competitors from each age group. Some had come within sight of the title before—Andrew Knaack had made top 8 at the 2004 Worlds in the same age group, 11–14, Takashi Yoneda's older brother had been the Champion in that group, and Jefre Robert was a semi-finalist just a few years back—but most

were experiencing the Championship spotlight for the first time. And every one of them showed stamina, sportsmanship, and talent.

The moments of drama were spectacular. Jeremy Maron and Ross Cawthon fought down to the wire in their final battle in the 15 and up group, the clock ultimately crowning Maron the winner. The tension around Champion Stuart Benson and Takashi Yoneda's last game in the 11–14 finals was obvious. And Geoffrey Sauk's concession with two Prize cards left caught almost everyone by surprise, including the new Champion for the 10 and under group, Curran Hill.

In the end, the 2005 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships handed out tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships, mountains of fantastic prizes, and lots of memories for players from all over the globe. And the journey to the next World Championships begins now as players prepare for August 2006 in Anaheim, California!

COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING:



THE FINAL PATH TO GREATNESS

It was a long, challenging road to the 2005 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships for the select few players who qualified. Of the more than 400 who earned the right to compete at the game's highest level, only a handful advanced to the finals.

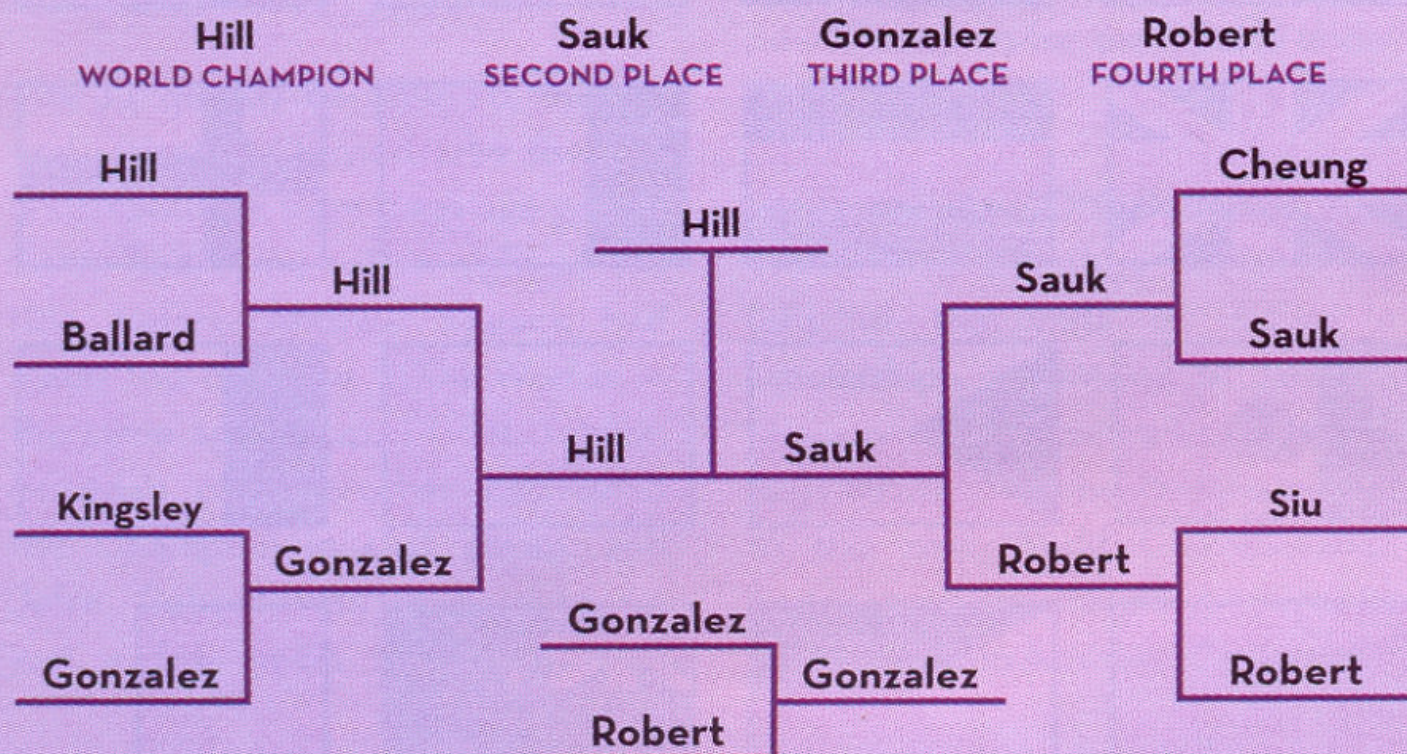
On Sunday, August 21, the top 32 players in each age group battled through single-elimination rounds until one great player emerged

victorious in each. Here you can follow the exciting results to the finals for the top 16 players!

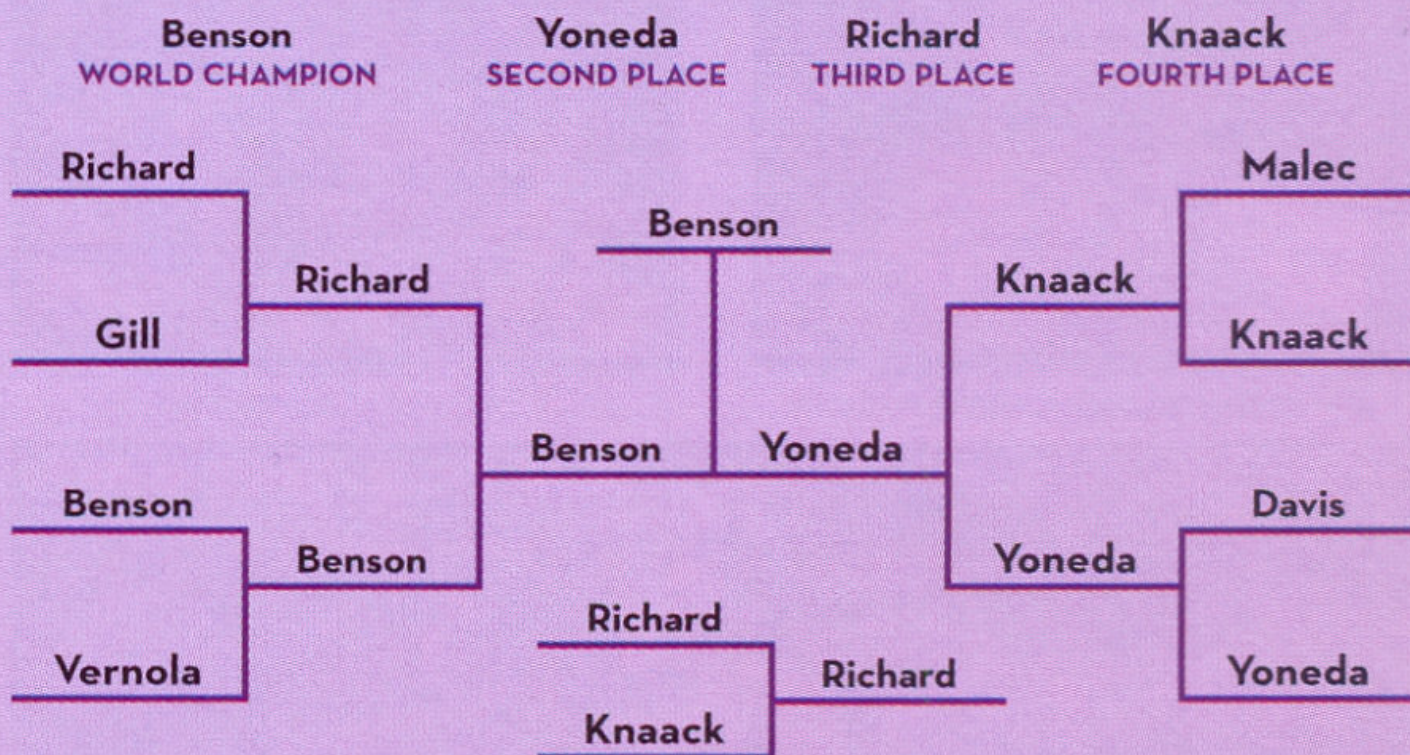
In each of the three age group brackets are two sets of pairings (four players on the far left and four on the far right) that led to the climactic Championship match (in the middle of each bracket). Below each bracket is the runner-up pairing for the third-place trophy.



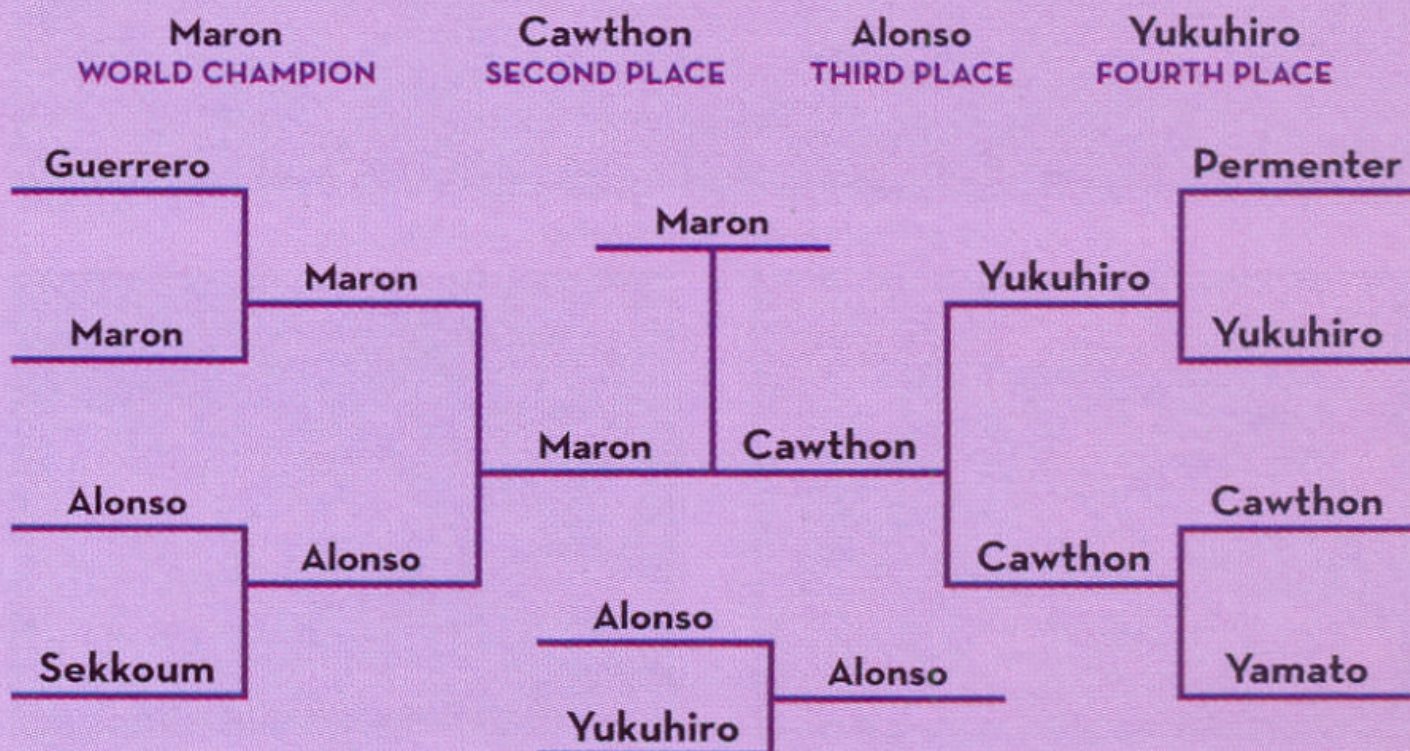
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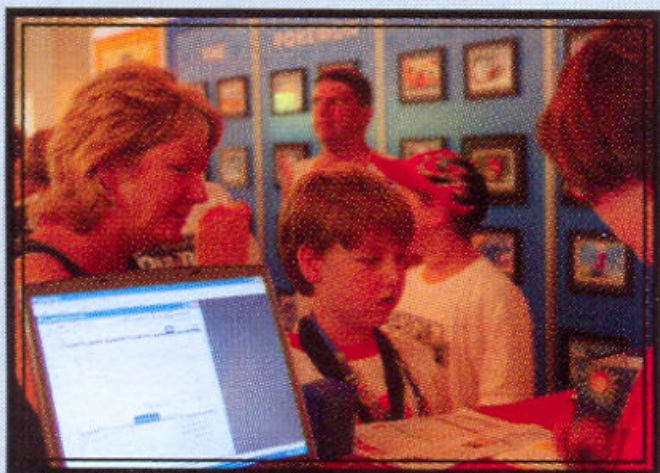


POKÉMON TCG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS BRACKET (11-14)



POKÉMON TCG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS BRACKET (15+)

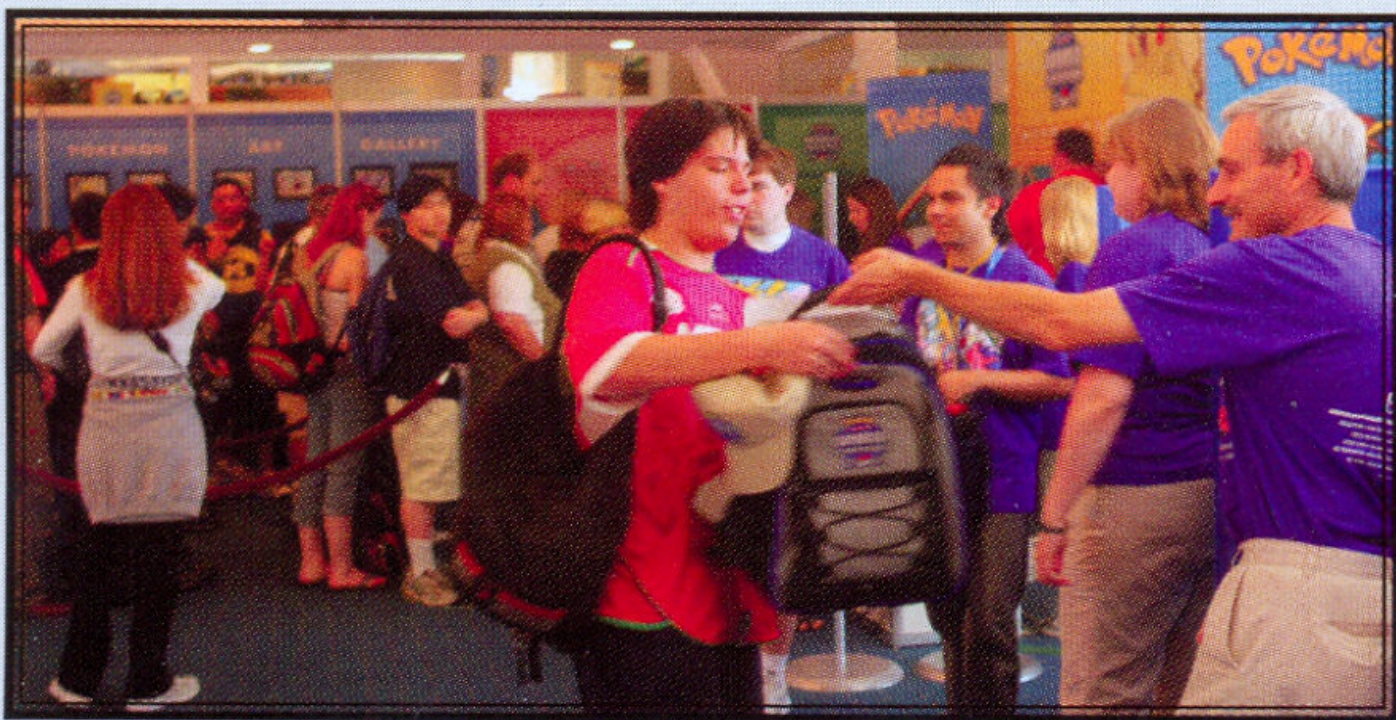




The excitement begins with checking in!



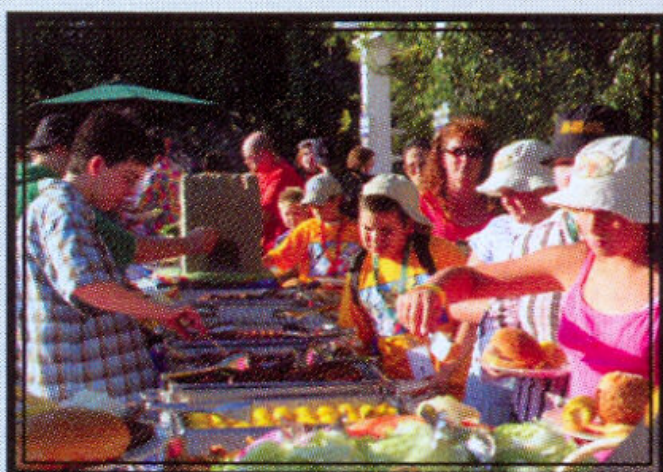
The color of competition



Competitors are welcomed in grand style



Dressing for success



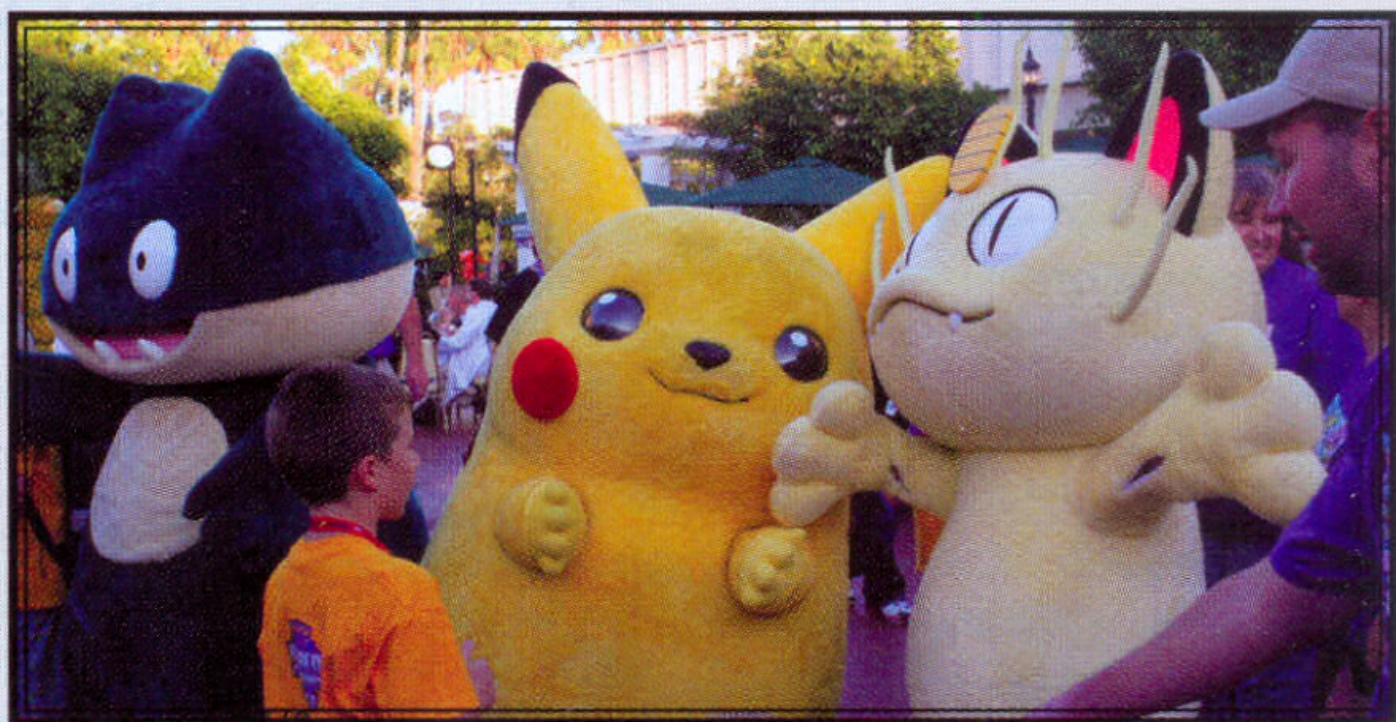
Food and fun at the Welcome Reception



All the way from Germany and Switzerland!



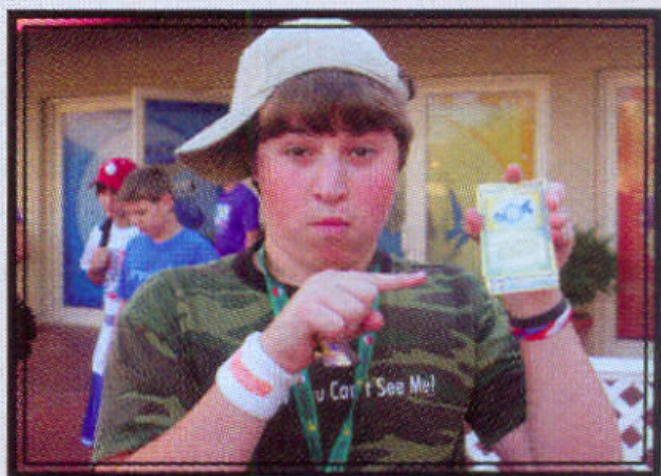
One Last-Chance to qualify



Munchlax, Pikachu, and Meowth dance the night away...



Adding rhythm to the game...



Just how rare is Rare Candy?



CURRAN HILL

World Champion (10 and under)

Age: 10

Country: United States

Deck: "Bright Aura"

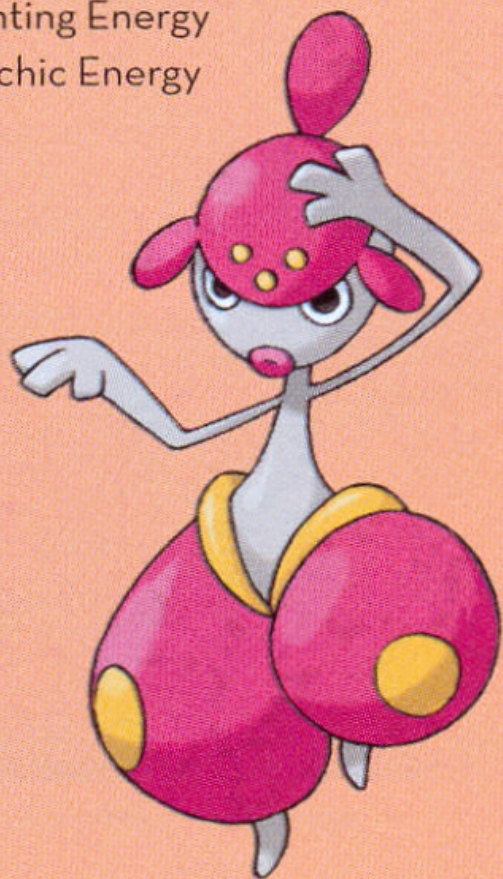
Interesting Fact: The World

Championships marked his first visit to California

The new World Champion from North Carolina readily admits that he would play the Pokémon TCG every single day... if only his mom would let him. Still, Curran's practice against his older brother Jordan (a three-time Regional Champion) paid off in the end—at one point, he even took 4 Prize cards at once! And when asked what he will remember most about playing in the World Championships, his answer is both simple and profound: "Winning."

Deck List:

4	Medicham ex	EM	95
4	Meditite	EM	55
4	Jirachi	DX	9
1	Wobbuffet	SS	26
4	Swoop! Teleporter	TR	92
4	Energy Removal 2	RG	89
3	Pow! Hand Extension	TR	85
3	Steven's Advice	HL	92
3	Wally's Training	EM	85
3	TV Reporter	DR	88
3	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
2	Island Cave	HL	89
2	Pokémon Reversal	RG	97
2	Scott	EM	84
2	Team Aqua Hideout	MA	78
4	Metal Energy	EM	88
8	Fighting Energy		
4	Psychic Energy		





GEOFFREY SAUK

Second Place (10 and under)

Age: 10

Country: United States

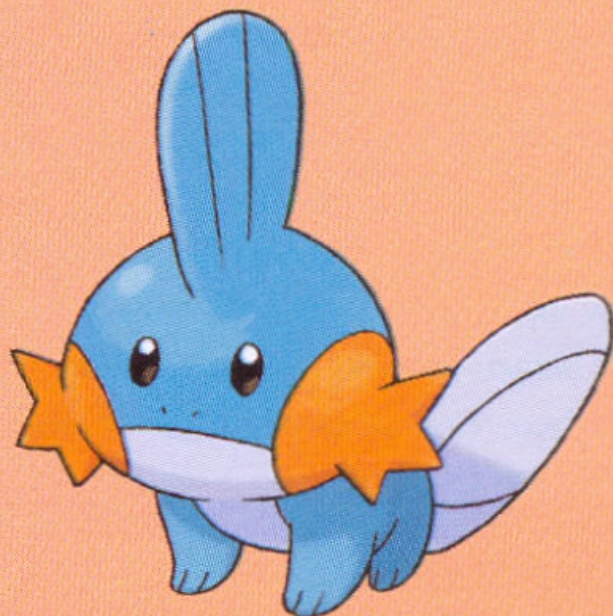
Deck: "Electrocute"

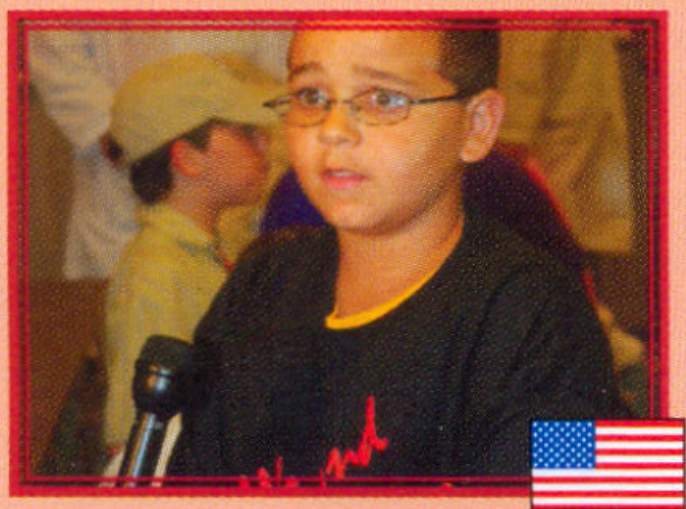
Interesting Fact: Was watching
for—and prepared for—opponents
to play Desert Ruins

Geoffrey Sauk was a real crowd-pleasing player, in part because of his youth and in part because of his enthusiastic and lightning-fast style of play. Despite the tension that normally comes from being in the finals, Geoffrey smiled and laughed and had as much fun as any player in the Main Event. With a strong deck built around Zapdos ex—though Mudkip is his favorite Pokémon—Geoffrey graciously conceded when he realized he was beaten, establishing a loyal fan base for himself for next year's Championships.

Deck List:

4	Zapdos ex	RG116
3	Manectric	DX 38
4	Electrike	DX 60
1	Electrode	HL 5
4	Voltorb	HL 80
1	Lanette's Net Search	EM 77
2	Mr. Stone's Project	EM 79
1	Professor Oak's Research	RG 98
2	Scott	EM 84
2	Steven's Advice	HL 92
4	Dual Ball	MA 72
2	Master Ball	DX 88
3	Pokémon Retriever	TR 84
3	Super Scoop Up	RG 99
2	Switch	RG102
1	VS Seeker	RG100
2	Battle Frontier	EM 75
2	Space Center	DX 91
17	Lightning Energy	





MICHAEL GONZALEZ

Third Place (10 and under)

Age: 9

Country: United States

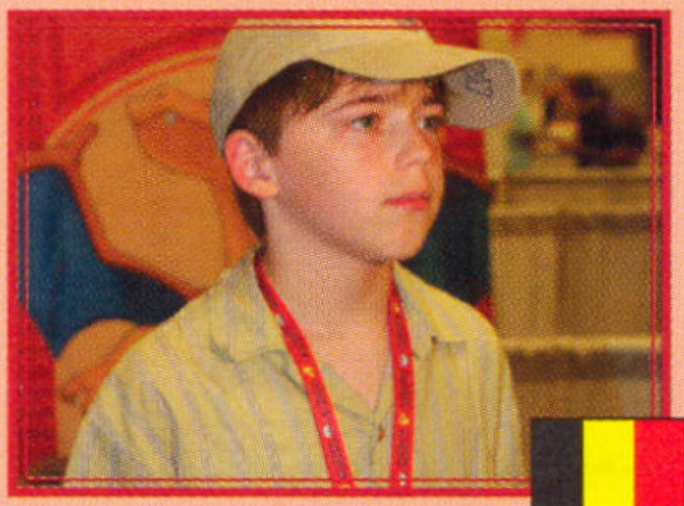
Deck: "King of the West"

Interesting Fact: Can speak Italian

Every win brought great excitement to Michael Gonzalez, but he learned a valuable lesson in preparing for next year's competition: "Get some sleep the night before the tournament." After only a year of playing the game, Michael has already zeroed in on a style of play that clearly works well for him, sleep or no sleep: get set up, then control the board. So, between now and next year when he'll test his sleep theory, Michael plans to practice, practice, practice—even if he doesn't sleep!

Deck List:

3	Ludicolo	DX	10
2	Lombre	SS	45
3	Lotad	SS	66
1	Lotad	DX	63
2	Magcargo	DX	20
2	Slugma	DX	74
1	Jirachi	DX	9
2	Rhydon	HL	46
2	Rhyhorn	HL	70
4	Dunsparce	SS	60
1	Crystal Shard	DX	85
1	Ancient Technical Machine [Rock]	HL	85
1	Strength Charm	DX	92
2	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
4	Celio's Network	RG	88
2	Pokémon Reversal	RG	97
3	Rare Candy	EM	83
2	Desert Ruins	HL	88
2	Copypcat	TR	83
2	Swoop! Teleporter	TR	92
3	Steven's Advice	HL	92
3	Heal Energy	DX	94
3	Double Rainbow Energy	EM	87
2	Scramble Energy	DX	95
7	Water Energy		



JEFRE ROBERT

Fourth Place (10 and under)

Age: 10

Country: Belgium

Deck: "Dark Air"

Interesting Fact: Favorite Pokémon card is Rare Candy

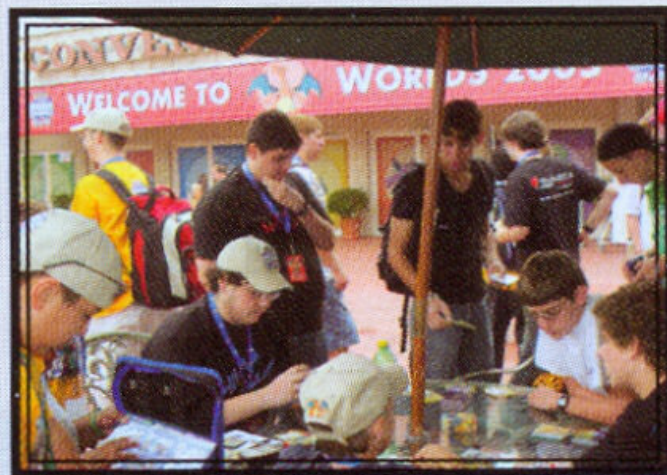
Jefre Robert not only played great at Worlds, but he came in with a fantastic attitude as well. "I liked playing children from all over the world," he said. Every victory on the road to the semi-finals made him very happy, but the real victory for him was how much he enjoyed playing each time. Jefre's ambitions for next year's Championship are the best kind: To defend his title but, more important, "to have even more fun than I had this year."

Deck List:

3	Dark Dragonite	TR	15
2	Dark Dragonair	TR	31
3	Dratini	TR	53
2	Rocket's Sneasel ex	TR	103
3	Dark Electrode	TR	4
3	Voltorb	HL	80
3	Dunsparce	SS	60
1	Wally's Training	EM	85
2	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR	87
2	Rocket's Hideout	TR	87
2	Steven's Advice	HL	92
2	Rocket's Mission	TR	88
1	Celio's Network	RG	88
1	Switch	RG	102
2	Copycat	TR	83
2	Swoop! Teleporter	TR	92
1	Scott	EM	84
1	Warp Point	MA	85
1	Pokémon Retriever	TR	84
2	Rare Candy	EM	83
3	Professor Oak's Research	RG	98
2	Pokémon Reversal	RG	97
1	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
4	Dark Metal Energy	TR	94
4	Darkness Energy	EM	86
4	Rainbow Energy	RS	95
3	R Energy	TR	95



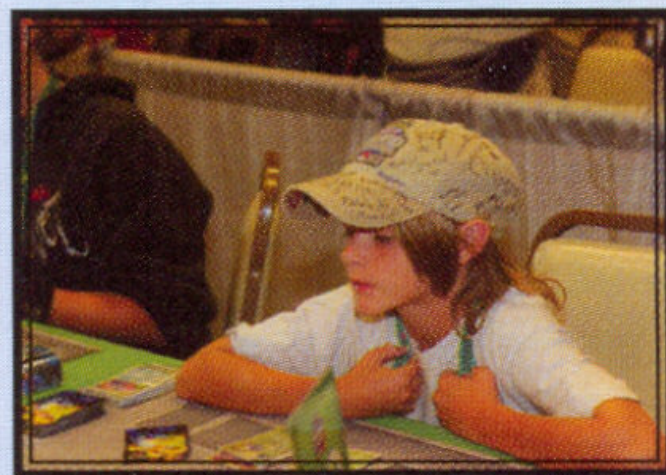
Not inflatable—the real Groudon!



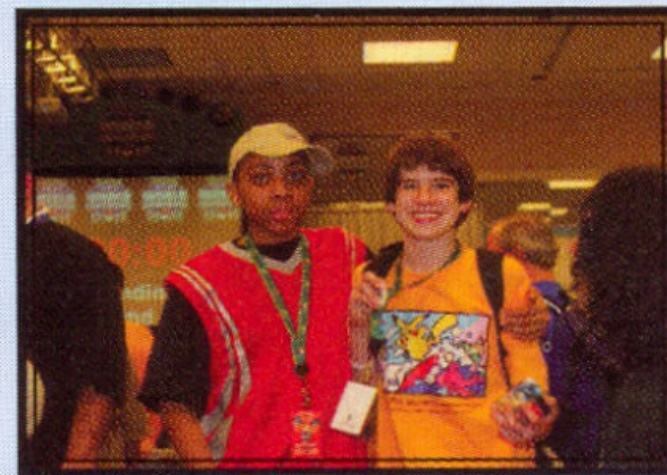
TCG fun in the sun



Pokémon: the universal language



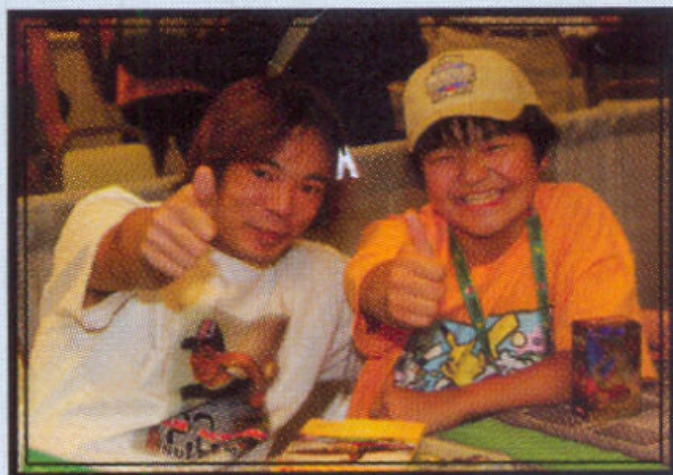
A hat full of memories...



Building friendships



Greetings from around the world



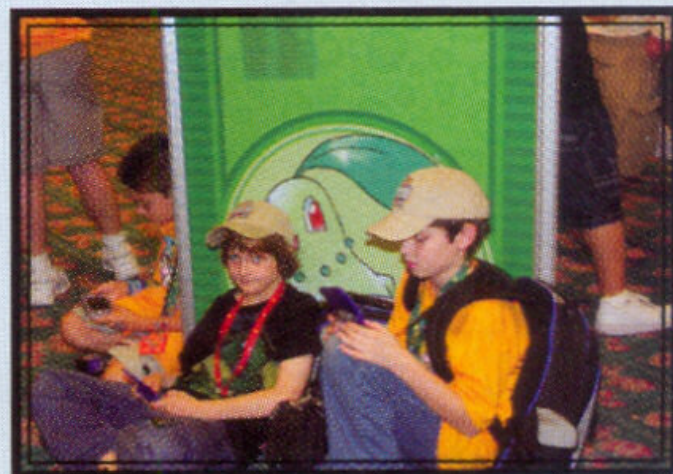
Some thoughts don't require translation



Meeting of the minds



Every player needs a good-luck charm



Eagerly awaiting the standings



STUART BENSON

World Champion (11-14)

Age: 14

Country: United States

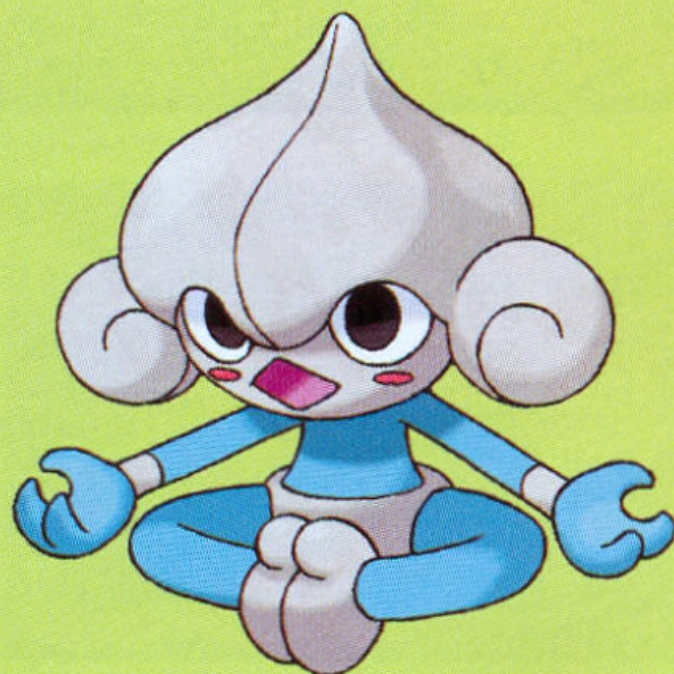
Deck: "Powchamex"

Interesting Fact: Has played since the original base set was released

Stuart Benson favored Medicham ex's inexpensive attack Pure Power as a way to Knock Out more than one of his opponent's Pokémon in short order by spreading around up to 30 damage each turn, even to Benched Pokémon. Clearly, he had a great strategy—he's the World Champion for the 11-14 age group. And Stuart's record of going undefeated at the U.S. Nationals gives him even more authority as a Pokémon TCG Master. So, what's the secret behind his preparation for Worlds? "Eating Cheetos," he says.

Deck List:

4	Medicham ex	EM 95
2	Meditite	EM 55
2	Meditite	DR 37
4	Jirachi	DX 9
1	Wobbuffet	SS 26
4	Swoop! Teleporter	TR 92
4	Energy Removal 2	RG 89
4	Pow! Hand Extension	TR 85
2	Steven's Advice	HL 92
3	Wally's Training	EM 85
4	TV Reporter	DR 88
4	Rocket's Admin.	TR 86
1	Scott	EM 84
1	Magnetic Storm	HL 91
4	Team Aqua Hideout	MA 78
4	Metal Energy	EM 88
8	Fighting Energy	
4	Psychic Energy	





TAKASHI YONEDA

Second Place (11–14)

Age: 11

Country: Japan

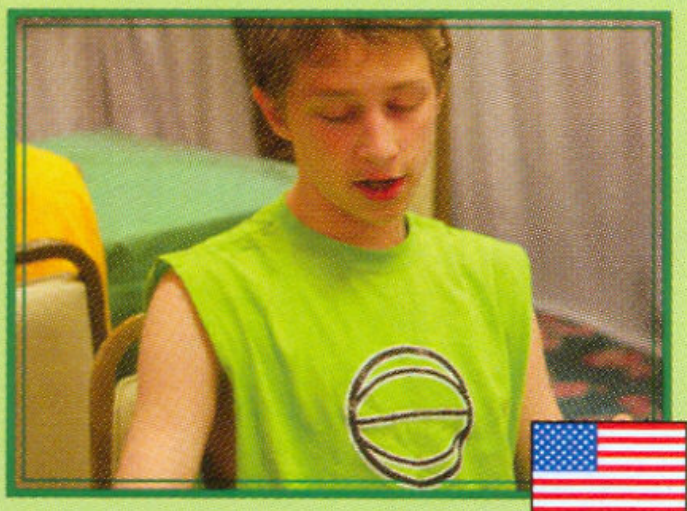
Deck: “Dark Tyranitar”

Interesting Fact: Plays every day

Pokémon TCG skills run in Takashi Yoneda's family—his older brother and his little sister are both tournament-level players. And at the 2005 World Championships, Takashi did his family proud by placing second in the 11–14 age group. A player since he was just three years old, he has goals for his future game. “I would like to be a champion in Japan,” he says, “and come back to the World Championships next year.” Takashi will certainly be back to defend his family's latest victory in 2006.

Deck List:

3	Dark Tyranitar	TR	19
1	Dark Tyranitar	TR	20
2	Dark Pupitar	TR	41
4	Larvitar	TR	63
2	Pidgeot	RG	10
1	Pidgeotto	RG	45
2	Pidgey	RG	73
2	Jirachi	HL	8
3	Dunsparce	SS	60
4	Steven's Advice	HL	92
2	Celio's Network	RG	88
4	Bill's Maintenance	RG	87
2	Copycat	TR	83
1	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
1	Scott	EM	84
4	Rare Candy	EM	83
1	Ancient Tomb	HL	87
2	Desert Ruins	HL	88
2	Ancient Technical Machine		
	[Rock]	HL	85
1	Pokémon Retriever	TR	84
3	Heal Energy	DX	94
2	R Energy	TR	95
3	Scramble Energy	DX	95
4	Darkness Energy	EM	86
2	Metal Energy	EM	88
2	Fighting Energy		



DAN RICHARD

Third Place (11-14)

Age: 12

Country: United States

Deck: "Luditaes"

Interesting Fact: Made his winning deck less than a week before Worlds

What began five years ago as a few packs for collecting has now made Dan Richard the third-place Pokémon TCG player in the world for the 11-14 age group. But it wasn't an easy battle—at one point, he says, he had to "come back from being down *four* Prizes." Still, his deck persevered against tough odds, and Dan achieved what he likes most about playing Pokémon: he won money for college, \$3,500. Not bad for a deck put together at the last minute!

Deck List:

2	Ludicolo	DX	10
1	Ludicolo	DX	19
2	Lombre	SS	45
3	Lotad	SS	66
2	Magcargo	DX	20
2	Slugma	DX	74
1	Jirachi	DX	9
2	Ninetales	HL	22
2	Vulpix	HL	81
3	Dunsparce	SS	60
2	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
4	Celio's Network	RG	88
3	Steven's Advice	HL	92
3	TV Reporter	DR	88
3	Rare Candy	EM	83
4	Desert Ruins	HL	88
1	Copycat	TR	83
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR	87
1	Pokémon Retriever	TR	84
3	Swoop! Teleporter	TR	92
3	Heal Energy	DX	94
3	Rainbow Energy	RS	95
3	Double Rainbow Energy	EM	87
2	Scramble Energy	DX	95
4	Water Energy		



ANDREW KNAACK

Fourth Place (11-14)

Age: 14

Country: United States

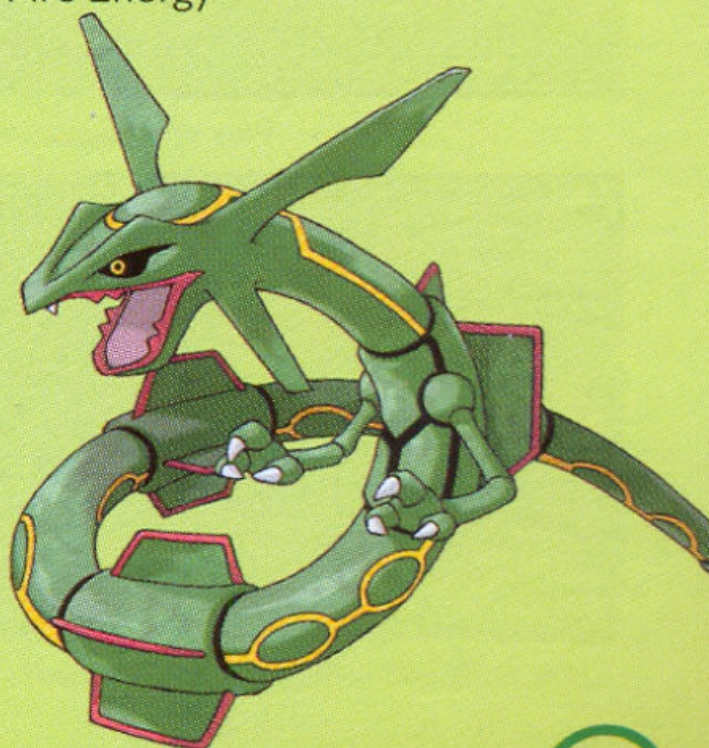
Deck: "ZRE"

Interesting Fact: Favorite card is
Pow! Hand Extension because
"it has so many possibilities"

During Swiss, Andrew Knaack used the Trainer card Copycat in hopes of drawing the one card that he really needed... and he got it, though he was allowed to draw only one card. It was that combination of skill and luck that carried Andrew from last year's top 8 to this year's top 4 in the 11-14 age group. But will he come back to defend his title next year? No, he says, he won't defend fourth place. "I will try for first."

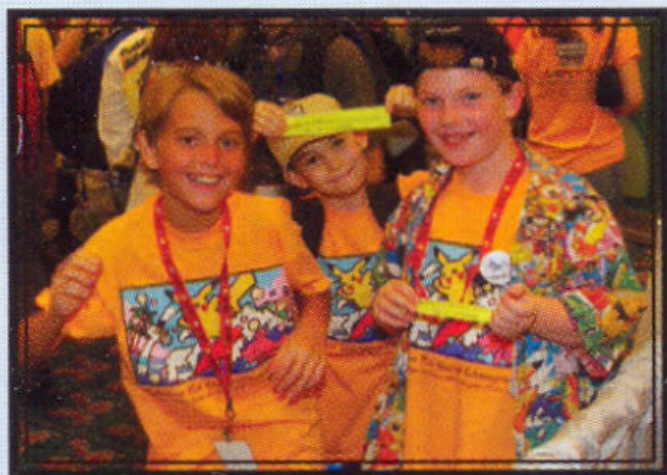
Deck List:

3	Electrode ex	RG107
3	Voltorb	HL 80
2	Rayquaza ex	DX102
2	Zapdos ex	RG116
1	Moltres ex	RG115
1	Rayquaza ☆	DX107
4	Magmar	TR 44
4	TV Reporter	DR 88
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Rocket's Mission	TR 88
2	Copycat	TR 83
4	Master Ball	DX 88
3	Super Scoop Up	RG 99
3	Pow! Hand Extension	TR 85
1	Switch	RG102
4	Battle Frontier	EM 75
1	Space Center	DX 91
10	Lightning Energy	
7	Fire Energy	





Fans couldn't wait to have their cards signed



A tropical wave dance



Play your cards, play your opponent, or just play!



Calm, cool, and collected for the Main Event



24-hour gaming!



This level of play can be exhausting



Players, judges, and fans crowd the ballroom



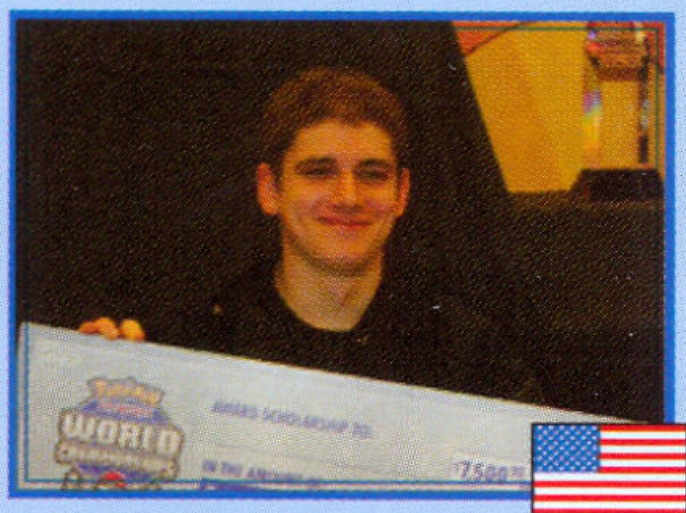
Getting a little guidance...



Good sportsmanship starts with a handshake



Young artists in the Creative Center!



JEREMY MARON

World Champion (15+)

Age: 19

Country: United States

Deck: "Queendom"

Interesting Fact: Playtested his deck
6 hours a day

Jeremy Maron concedes that there are no other Pokémon TCG players in his family, though he "has begged them to play." No matter—with his online team backing him, Jeremy playtested his Nidoqueen deck exhaustively until they all felt certain it could win. And it did: Jeremy went from a Machop starter set in January 1999 to a "Queendom" deck and the title of World Champion in August 2005! Next year, he vows, playtest time goes up to 8 hours a day...

Deck List:

4	Nidoqueen	RG	9
3	Nidorina	RG	40
4	Nidoran♀	RG	70
3	Pidgeot	RG	10
2	Pidgeotto	RG	45
3	Pidgey	RG	73
1	Milotic	HL	12
1	Feebas	HL	61
4	Celio's Network	RG	88
4	Desert Ruins	HL	88
4	Rare Candy	EM	83
4	Copycat	TR	83
3	Great Ball	RG	92
2	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
2	Steven's Advice	HL	92
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR	87
4	Double Rainbow Energy	EM	87
3	Heal Energy	DX	94
6	Grass Energy		
2	Fighting Energy		





ROSS CAWTHON

Second Place (15+)

Age: 16

Country: United States

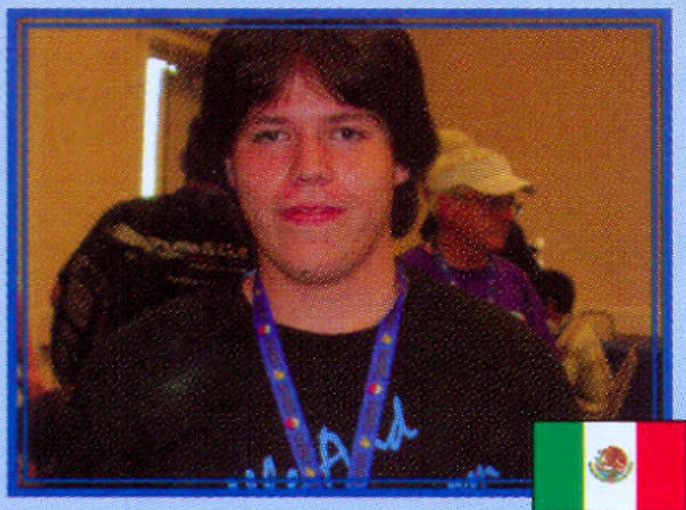
Deck: "Pow-Block"

Interesting Fact: Plays in both a weekly League and online

Ross Cawthon had a moment at Worlds he'll never forget: the turn when he defeated last year's Champion, Tsuguyoshi Yamato, in order to advance to the final four. What makes his victory even more impressive is that as late as the day before Worlds, he was fretting over his deck. "I was throwing around deck ideas with my friends late Friday," he says, "and then I came out second after worrying all day!" Now Pidgeotto Trainer, as he's known, will be back to battle opponents and nerves next year.

Deck List:

3	Dark Tyranitar	TR	19
2	Dark Pupitar	TR	41
3	Larvitar	TR	63
2	Electrode ex	RG	107
2	Voltorb	EM	71
1	Pidgeot	RG	10
1	Pidgeotto	RG	45
1	Pidgey	RG	73
1	Magcargo	DX	20
1	Slugma	DX	74
1	Magmar	TR	44
1	Jirachi	DX	9
3	Dunsparce	SS	60
4	Celio's Network	RG	88
3	Copycat	TR	83
2	TV Reporter	DR	88
2	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
3	Rare Candy	EM	83
3	Swoop! Teleporter	TR	92
1	Steven's Advice	HL	92
1	Ancient Technical Machine		
	[Rock]	HL	85
4	Pow! Hand Extension	TR	85
1	Pokémon Retriever	TR	84
4	Heal Energy	DX	94
4	Scramble Energy	DX	95
2	Rainbow Energy	RS	95
4	Darkness Energy	EM	86



PABLO MEZA ALONSO

Third Place (15+)

Age: 17

Country: Mexico

Deck: "Majesty"

Interesting Fact: Plays rugby and soccer whenever he can

Pablo Meza Alonso came to Worlds with a strategy that worked well for him: "I just played as fast as I could so I would never run out of time in a game." And though it was a Heal Energy that gave him third place, he gives all the credit to Nidoqueen and "staying calm, no matter the situation." That philosophy has carried Pablo all the way from seeing an ad in a magazine for a game he'd never played to being one of the top Pokémon TCG players in the world.

Deck List:

4	Nidoqueen	RG	9
3	Nidorina	RG	40
4	Nidoran♀	RG	70
3	Pidgeot	RG	10
2	Pidgeotto	RG	45
3	Pidgey	RG	73
1	Milotic	HL	12
1	Feebas	HL	61
4	Celio's Network	RG	88
4	Desert Ruins	HL	88
4	Rare Candy	EM	83
3	Copycat	TR	83
3	Great Ball	RG	92
2	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
3	Steven's Advice	HL	92
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR	87
4	Double Rainbow Energy	EM	87
2	Heal Energy	DX	94
6	Grass Energy		
3	Fighting Energy		





KEN YUKUHIRO

Fourth Place (15+)

Age: 16

Country: Japan

Deck: "Yuki"

Interesting Fact: Practiced right up until the day before Worlds

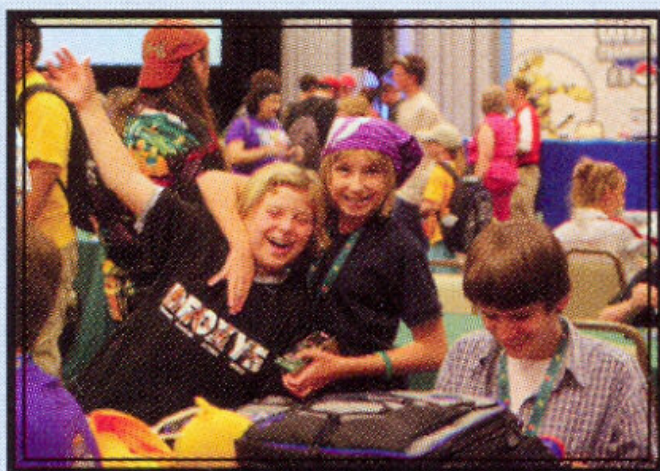
Ken Yukuhiro isn't sure exactly how often he plays the Pokémon TCG... but he estimates at least 100 times a week. And given that Ken's been playing for about 5-1/2 years, that's more than 25,000 games. With a special focus on his *EX Team Rocket Returns* cards Dark Tyranitar (for the Spinning Tail attack) and Ancient Technical Machine [Rock], his practice paid off—and at next year's Worlds, he'll definitely be back with another 5,000 games under his belt....

Deck List:

3	Dark Tyranitar	TR	19
1	Dark Tyranitar	TR	20
4	Dark Pupitar	TR	41
4	Larvitar	TR	63
2	Magcargo	DX	20
2	Slugma	DX	74
4	Dunsparce	SS	60
4	Steven's Advice	HL	92
2	Celio's Network	RG	88
4	TV Reporter	DR	88
1	Warp Point	MA	85
4	Rocket's Admin.	TR	86
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR	87
1	VS Seeker	RG	100
3	Desert Ruins	HL	88
2	Ancient Technical Machine		
	[Rock]	HL	85
1	Pokémon Retriever	TR	84
1	Heal Energy	DX	94
3	R Energy	TR	95
2	Scramble Energy	DX	95
4	Darkness Energy	EM	86
1	Double Rainbow Energy	EM	87
6	Fighting Energy		



The top 16 (10 and under) do battle



The side events were a hit!



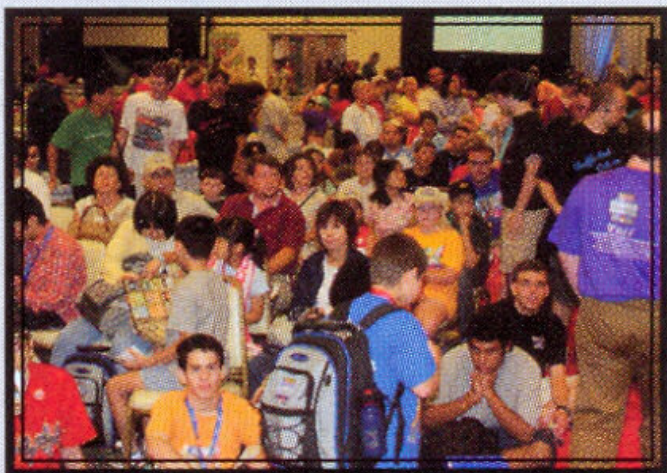
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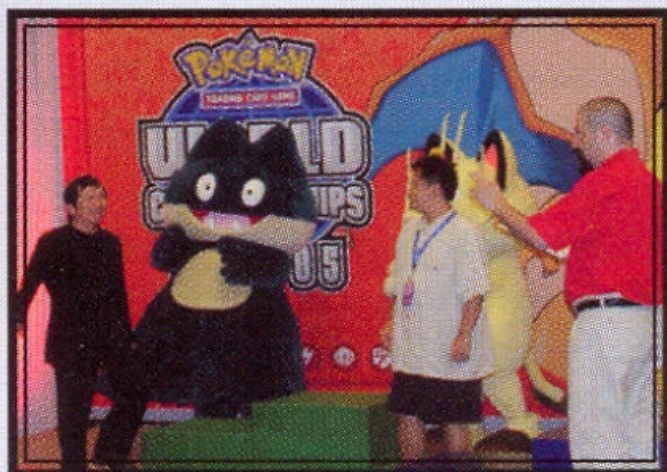
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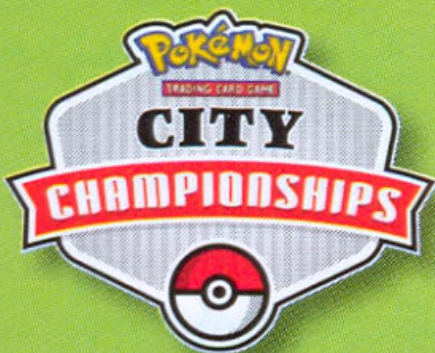
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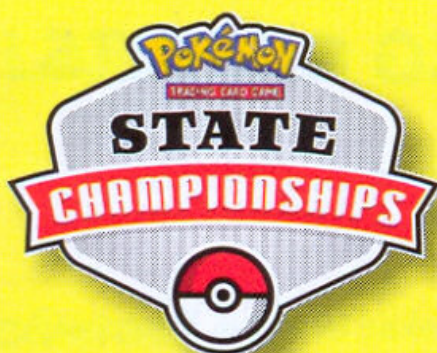
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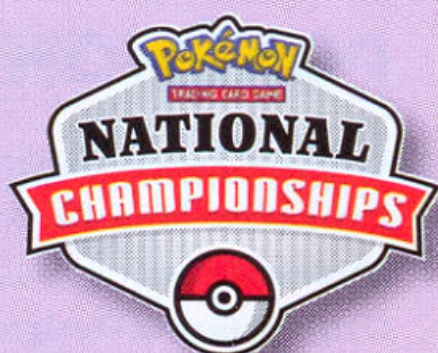
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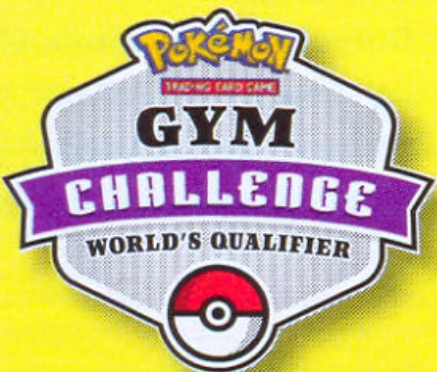
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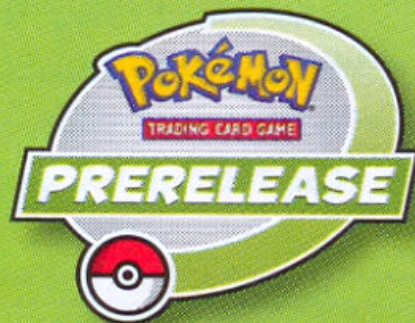
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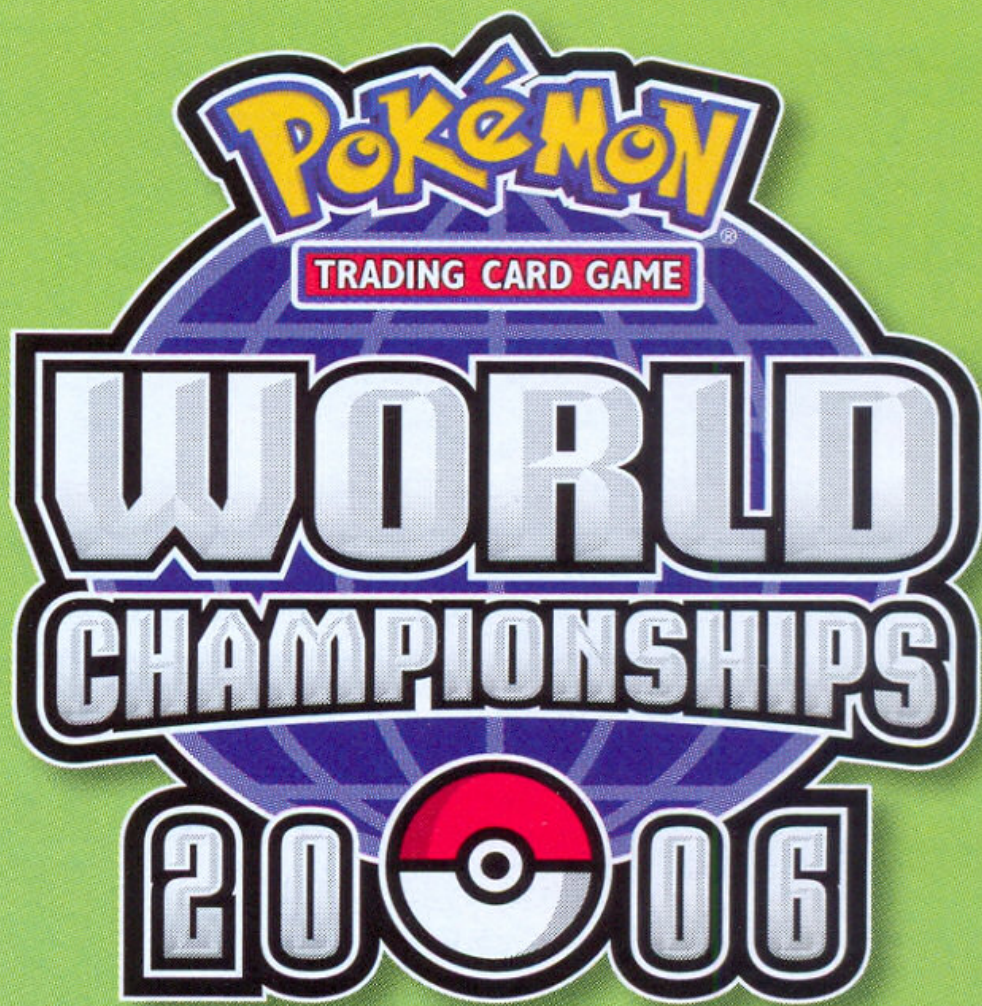


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